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Case No.: 56719US002**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**First Named Inventor: **CHIEANG, THEARY**Application No.: **09/896,655**Group Art Unit: **1714**Filed: **June 29, 2001**Examiner: **Katarzyna I. Wyrozewski Lee**Title: **DEVICES, COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS INCORPORATING  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed June 5, 2003, in the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application for one month under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1).

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